Promotion of sports in Chhattisgarh

2381. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Chhattisgarh being a tribal State has potential of producing medal winning sportsment in the sports like archery, athletics etc;

(b) whether Government propose to launch special drive to identify such sportsmen by providing them financial assistance and coaching facilities etc; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal to construct sports grounds and stadia in the State to develop the future sportsmen amongst the school and college students?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) and (b) Government of India through its various sports promotional schemes augment the efforts of the State Governments including Chhattisgarh for promotion of sports.

Besides, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) is implementing the following sports promotional Schemes in the country:-

(a) National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC)

(b) Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC)

(c) SAI Training Centre (STC)

(d) Centre of Excellence (COX)

(e) Special Area Games (SAG)

At present, 4 schools and 1 SAI training centre at Rajnandgaon are operational under NSTC and STC schemes respectively in the State of Chhattisgarh to identify talented sports persons from the entire State, including the tribal belts, and provide them scientific sports training as per the norms of the schemes.

(c) No, Sir. Government of India give grant-in-aid to State Governments for construction of sports Infrastructure on receipt of proposal from them in accordance with the norms of its schemes.

Funds for construction of indoor stadium at Dharwar, Karnataka

2382. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the revised proposal as desired by the Ministry of Youth affairs and Sports has been submitted to the Government for construction of indoor stadium at Dharwar in Karnataka;

(b) if so, whether Government was also requested to release central financial assistance to the project; and

(c) when can the release of funds be expected?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The proposal was rejected as it did not conform to the provision of prior approval of the Government before commencing construction work under the scheme of "Grants for creation of Sports infra-structure".